



THE DAILY BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

FEDERAL AGENT WITH A KNACK FOR WORK SETS STANDARD AT BIA

By BECKY SHAY, Billings Gazette (10/02/07)

Elizabeth Kolb may be the first female assistant special agent in charge in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Office of Justice Services, but it's not enough to impress her 1-year-old granddaughter.

TRIBE, STATE AND COUNTIES SIGN RENEWAL AGREEMENT

By ALYSSA KELLY, Char-Koosta News (09/27/07)



Law enforcement officers and representatives from Sanders and Lake county met at the Tribal Complex for a signing ceremony that renewed the cooperative agreement first signed in 1993. (Rob McDonald photo)

PABLO — "The law enforcement in the area work well together," says Montana State Attorney General Mike McGrath. McGrath was referring to the law enforcement agencies of Lake County, Missoula County, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and Sanders County.

On Sept. 20, a signing ceremony was held to celebrate the renewal retrocession agreement between the state of Montana and the Tribes. Several government

representatives attended the ceremony, including Lake County Commissioner Paddy Trusler, Tribal Chairman James Steele Jr., Mike McGrath, and many head law enforcement officers from agencies throughout the reservation. Tribal officials said: "What makes this ceremony particularly significant is the support."

JUNEAU TO RUN FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

In Char-Koosta News (09/27/07)

BROWNING — Denise Juneau today announced her decision to run as a Democrat for State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2008.

"I am humbled by the support and encouragement I have received from people all across Montana as I contemplated the decision to run for State Superintendent," said Juneau. "Our state's education system has a strong tradition of producing excellent students through outstanding teaching. I want to make sure this legacy continues and that our students remain the best and brightest in the country."

CSKT CO-SPONSOR OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOCUSING ON GROWTH ISSUES AND LARGE LAKES

POLSON — Experts from large lakes from throughout the Western part of the U.S. and Canada will gather in Polson on October 17 - 18 to explain how they have

dealt effectively with the kind of growth issues currently faced by Flathead Lake and other large lakes in Northwest Montana. "Lessons of the Lakes - Promoting Water Quality Amidst Community Growth" is being jointly sponsored by the Flathead Lakers, the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, and the Flathead Basin Commission.

TRIBAL ENTERPRISE AWARDED \$149,760



U. S. Department of the Treasury officials visited Pablo last Friday to learn more about business challenges on the Flathead Reservation, and to present a \$149,760 award to Sovereign Leasing and Finance Company, Inc. (Maggie Plummer photo)

PABLO — Last Friday, U. S. Deputy Secretary Robert M. Kimmitt and the Director of the U. S. Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund Kimberly A. Reed were in Pablo to recognize Sovereign Leasing and Finance Company, Inc. - which is receiving a \$149,760 award from the Fund to expand services.

The tribal enterprise offers counseling and financial services to tribal members on the Flathead Reservation.

Federal officials see enterprises such as Sovereign as examples of how community groups can help homeowners avoid foreclosure in rural America.

DOVES RECEIVES FEDERAL FUNDS TO PROVIDE SERVICES

IN CHAR-KOOSTA NEWS (09/27/07)

POLSON — DOVES recently received notification from the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, that the organization was granted a total of \$664,000 in federal funds to support much-needed services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Lake County and the Flathead Indian Reservation. DOVES is a private

nonprofit crime victim advocate organization based in Polson.